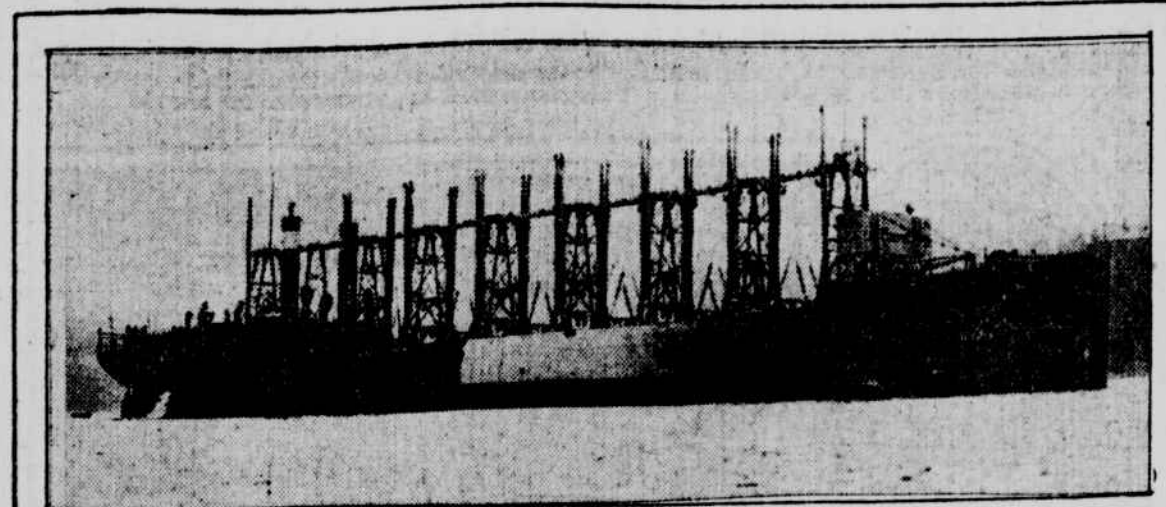


THE U. S. COLLIER JASON, DAMAGED IN BALTIMORE EXPLOSION.

Six men were killed and a number injured on board this ship, which has just been completed for the government.



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SOME BIG EXPLOSIONS.

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More Stevedores May Be Dead.

Besides the sixty or seventy laborers who are known to have been on the Jason, there were some stevedores, the exact number Mr. Martin does not know. Some of them may have been killed.

"I was standing on the upper deck of the Jason," said Mr. Martin. "The boat which exploded was at Fort Carroll, two miles away. I could see it."

"Suddenly it seemed to turn into a ball of fire, like magic, and to leap out of the water. An instant later there was the sound of a terrific explosion. The air was filled with flying pieces of iron and timber, which rained down on the deck on the Jason, and the water came in on us like a tidal wave."

F. J. Anstey, captain of the Alum Chine, was in this city on business when his ship was blown up. He could assign no cause for the disaster, but did not credit the story related by surviving negro stevedores that the explosion was caused when a workman stabbed a hook into one of the dynamite cases. The general theory of the cause is that there was fire in the ship's coal bunkers, which spread to the dynamite in the hold.

British Consul Fraser to-night described the Alum Chine as 269 feet long, with a forty-foot beam and of 1,767 tons gross burden. She was built at Cardiff, Wales, in 1905. Most of her crew were from Cardiff. She left New York on February 26, arriving here March 1. The steamer expected to sail to-day for Colon, with a load of dynamite to be used, it was understood, for government work on the Panama Canal.

Captain's Heroism Costs Lives.

William E. Varr Dyke, of Baltimore, captain of the wrecked tug Atlantic, lost his life in heroically rushing to the aid of the imperiled British steamer in the doomed Alum Chine, and his vain effort carried with him to death many members of his crew.

When curling smoke from the bow of the Alum Chine warned members of her crew, the stevedores engaged in loading her and the crew of the Atlantic alongside that fire was raging in the coal bunkers, there was instant realization that flames soon would reach the three hundred tons of dynamite stored in the Alum Chine's hold and the barge roped beside her.

Immediately there was a rush to the ship's side. Fourteen members of the crew and four of the stevedores leaped over the rail and tumbled pell mell into the launch Jerome, which a moment before had brought two firemen aboard the ill-fated ship. All the other members of the crew and stevedores who could reach the deck leaped for the decks of the Atlantic. The tug and launch, cutting hawsers, were sped away from the scene of the impending catastrophe, the Jerome picking up speed first and rushing to safety.

The Atlantic had proceeded a few hundred feet when two frantic figures were seen clambering from the Alum Chine's hold. They were sailors who had been left behind. Reaching the side of the vessel, they shouted piteous appeals for rescue.

Captain Van Dyke, despite the knowledge he must have had that a hail of death would soon be pouring over the harbor, heeded the call of the imperiled sailors. The engines were stopped and the Atlantic wheeled and rushed again to the fire-doomed vessel's side. She reached it in safety. The two sailors jumped aboard.

Again the Atlantic wheeled. Captain Van Dyke, standing in the pilot house, gave hurried orders which once more sent the tug toward safety. But it was too late. The Atlantic's nose had scarcely been turned toward open water, when, with a roar like the eruption of a volcano, the death-laden vitals of the Alum Chine exploded. The concussion hurled all before it. A dense pall of smoke enveloped the water, and when it cleared away the

ship and barge had disappeared and the Atlantic, a dismantled hulk, helpless on the surface of the bay, had become a human shambles.

Death in dreadful form had descended from the sky. The Alum Chine had been torn in shreds, and boxes of dynamite mingled with the flying fragments of steel and timber filled the air. These fell on the packed decks of the Atlantic, the dynamite exploding as it fell and sweeping them as a charge of shrapnel levels charging troops.

Bodies Flung Across the Deck.

Men's heads and limbs were torn from their bodies. Blood was everywhere. From ships and launches nearby were seen dismembered bodies flung across and tumbled about the Atlantic's deck.

Captain Van Dyke gave his life for his gallantry. His body, with one arm severed, was among those recovered by the rescuers and was one of the first identified when brought to this city. With him died Joseph T. Hood, a stevedore, whom his ship first had rescued, and Robert Biggs, a member of his crew, who had stood beside him when the explosion occurred.

Those who escaped death in the explosion brought vivid but disconnected accounts of the explosion when they reached this city with the dead and wounded.

Captain J. R. Thompson, captain of the new collier Jason, which was to have taken her trial trip to-morrow, had a narrow escape when hurled boxes of dynamite crashed on to the Jason's decks and exploded with death-dealing fury. He had seen the smoke issuing from the Alum Chine's hold.

"I was warning my men of the danger," said Captain Thompson to-night, "because I knew that the ship was sure to blow up. I had already gone below and instructed the chief engineer to get up steam and get under way to-night. He was doing this while I had other men at work pulling up the anchor. I was standing near a ventilator when I was tossed into the air fully six or seven feet. I turned two or three somersaults. I threw out my arms and grabbed a railing. This kept me from going overboard."

"In another instant a terrific shower of pieces of iron of all sizes, some as large as my fist and others as big as my head, were flying straight down from the air. I saw these pieces go straight through our heavy plate. The huge smokestacks of the collier were filled with holes, and by the concussion alone were mashed almost flat."

"Around me on all sides were the men who had been tossed into the air and thrown back. Many men were cut and injured by the pieces of iron. Some were killed instantly. The dynamite ship was an iron ship throughout, and this made the damage to our ship all the greater. The Chine was about 500 feet away, but the force of the explosion was so great that our ship was lifted high on the waves."

"Our firemen who were shoveling coal, got the full force of the explosion in their faces. Many of them were burned. I expected to have one hundred and fifty men in the crew by to-night, and about one hundred men were on board."

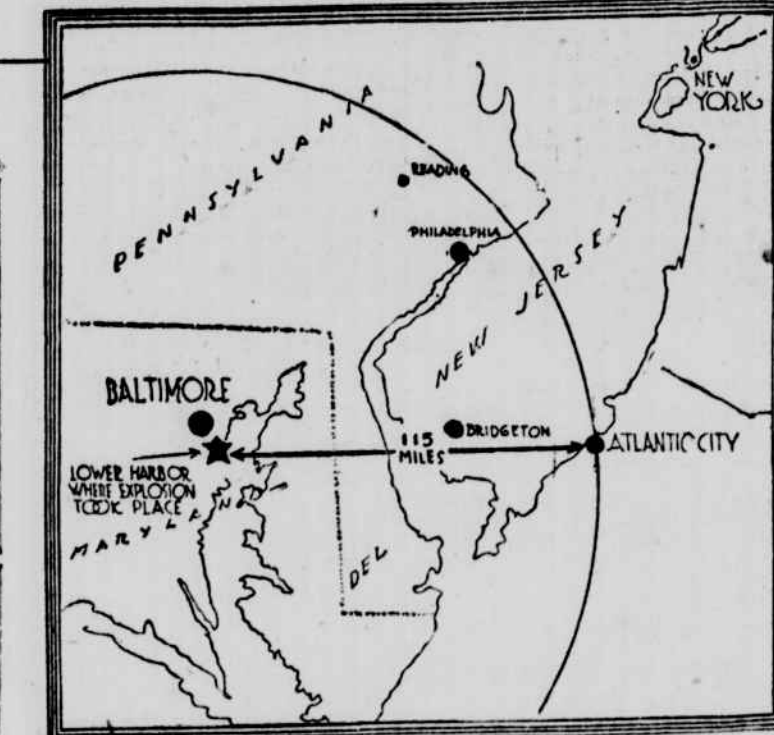
Immediately after the first shock of the accident Captain Thompson ordered his men to make a close inspection of the entire ship. They found many holes in her side. Pieces of iron went straight through her plate, which in spots was three-quarters to seven-eighths of an inch thick.

One hole was big enough for a man to put his head through. This hole is eight feet above the water line. Other holes are near the waterline.

Engineer Tells of Rush for Safety.

J. G. Reese, of Cardiff, Wales, chief engineer of the Alum Chine, gave a graphic description of the scramble for safety from the ship and the explosion that followed. He said:

"I was in the engine room when I heard a man on deck cry, 'The ship is alive!' I looked around and saw smoke coming from the hold in the bow and made a dash for the stern, realizing that a dynamite explosion would fol-



MAP SHOWING SCENE OF EXPLOSION AND DISTANT POINTS WHERE SHOCK WAS FELT. ATLANTIC CITY IS 115 MILES DISTANT FROM BALTIMORE.

TRIBUTE TO MISS RENARD

University Settlement Celebrates Her 20th Anniversary.

Friends and old members of the University Settlement, at No. 184 Eldridge street, met last night in the gymnasium to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of Elizabeth J. Renard's service with the society as matron. James Speyer, who served as treasurer of the Settlement shortly after Miss Renard's election as matron, presided.

Mr. Speyer said in felicitating Miss Renard that the society had done far more for him than he had ever done for the society. It was his service as treasurer of the Settlement, when settlement work was nothing more than an experiment, said Mr. Speyer, that first interested him in education and led to his later association with the Provident Loan Society, the Board of Education and the Teachers' Club.

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Besides the addresses a soprano solo was sung by Mrs. Alex. Ermoloff. There was also a violin solo by Emil Levy and Mrs. Mary Woelger sang several original songs based on poems by Field, Dunbar and Kipling.

EXPLOSION FELT FOR MILES

Atlantic City and Reading, Penn., Noticeably Shaken.

Philadelphia, March 7.—The dynamite explosion near Baltimore was remarkable for the great distance the shock of the blast was felt. At Coatesville, Penn., the windows in the High School rattled, startling the students. The shock was felt at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, in Reading, Penn., nearly one hundred miles from Baltimore, in other cities in South-eastern Pennsylvania, and in New Jersey as far as Atlantic City. In many towns the tremor was so distinct as to cause people to believe an earthquake had occurred.

The shock interrupted the proceedings of the lower house of the Delaware Legislature, at Dover, the Speaker remarking, "That must have been an earthquake." It was also felt at Wilmington.

Bridgeton, N. J., March 7.—A report and tremor, which is said now to have been a dynamite explosion near Baltimore, was distinctly felt here at 10:50 o'clock to-day. Many buildings shook, and it was supposed for a time that the explosion could not be more than a few miles away.

JASON READY FOR TEST

Collier About to Start on Trial Trip When Damaged.

(From The Tribune Bureau.)

Washington, March 7.—A full report of the damage to the collier Jason and the circumstances of the explosion at Baltimore this morning has been requested by the Navy Department.

The Jason is under construction by the Maryland Steel Company and is one of the type of colliers especially designed for naval service. She was authorized by the naval appropriations act of March 4, 1911, and the contract for her construction, signed August 22, 1911, was advanced practically to completion. Already the contractors had requested the trial, and all arrangements had been completed for the preliminary acceptance by the government.

The vessel was docked on February 21, and was scheduled to leave Baltimore this afternoon and proceed to Lewes, Del., there to take on the board of inspection of survey of ships.

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DARROW JURY DEADLOCKED

No Verdict Reached After a Wrangle of 24 Hours.

Los Angeles, March 7.—After having been out nearly twenty-four hours, it seemed to-night that the jury in the second trial of Clarence S. Darrow for alleged jury bribery was hopelessly deadlocked.

Once this afternoon a bailiff notified Judge Conley that the jury wished to report that it was unable to agree. The bailiff was instructed to bring in the jury, but returned with the report that a mistake had been made and that the twelve men still hoped to reach an agreement.

Shortly before 5 o'clock Judge Conley declared a recess until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, with the provision, however, that he would convene court this evening if the jury arrived at a verdict. Judge Conley said he would discharge the jury at the stipulated time to-morrow should it report three was no chance for a verdict.

Many rumors were in circulation to-day and to-night regarding the division among the jurors, the most commonly accepted report being that they stood 10 to 2 for acquittal. Late to-night, however, it was reported on what was said to be authentic information that the jury stood 8 to 4 for conviction.

BROKERS MUST PAY LOSS

Held Liable for Client's Funds Manager Stole.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

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GONE BEFORE HIGHEST COURT

Prisoner Held on Drug Charge Died in Agony in Cell Before His Case Was Called for Examination in East New York Police Court.

John Brennan did not answer to his name when his case was called in the New York Avenue Court, East New York, before Magistrate Vorhees yesterday afternoon. In the silence that followed the clerk's call, Detective Joseph Donelon, of the Brownsville police station, asked permission to speak.

"Your honor, this is another case of a defendant being called before a higher court," John Brennan is dead."

"The boy's case was a very sad one," continued the detective. "He made a hard fight against the drug. Judge Dike, in the County Court, had previously suspended sentence on him. He had been arraigned on the same charge. Friends interceded for him. The lad promised to stop his use of the drug, but it had too

great a hold on him. He died Monday in agony, begging for doses of the drug."

Brennan was twenty-one years old and lived at No. 1738 Broadway, Brooklyn. He was arrested three weeks ago on a charge of having heroin in his possession.

Donelon also told the magistrate that the use of heroin, a drug similar in some respects to cocaine, is increasing among the youth of East New York and Williamsburg. Young girls and small children obtain the "scat pills," as the drug is called, for a cent each. Drug fiends and druggists sell it surreptitiously. Efforts to stamp out these sales have been unsuccessful. Many arrests of sellers of the drug and its users and co-operative efforts of police, city magistrates and County Judges Fawcett and Dike to arrest the habit have had little effect.

TRIANGLE SACRIFICE VAIN

Factories Still Firetraps, Suffragists Are Told.

Miss Frances Perkins told the women of the Equal Suffrage League yesterday that the sacrifice of the 147 girls' lives in the Triangle Waist Factory disaster, almost two years ago, had purchased scarcely any improvement in factory conditions as regards protection from fire in this city. Miss Perkins, who is executive secretary of the Public Safety Committee, made that assertion at the meeting of the league in the Hotel Astor.

"Conditions are very little better, if any," she said. "Doors still swing inward and machines are crowded close together in many factories. The law says, 'doors shall swing outward where practicable'—but so often it isn't practicable! 'What those 147 lives have purchased is an awakening here and there, in the minds of the people. Now we have to teach the factory owners that human life is more valuable than floor space. At present they don't see it so.'"

It was "industrial day" at the league, and Mrs. Frederick Nathan had charge of the program. Miss Leonora O'Reilly talked about strikes. The public conscience, she said, was a good deal a matter of feeling. "Make the public feel what it is to be cold and to have no food in their stomachs, and then, and only then, will it understand the suffering of the submerged."

The meeting on the elevated railway was wise when they struck in a blizzard," she said. "People when they walked home that night knew what the motor-man suffers in his hands and feet on cold nights. It was after that strike that motormen on streetcars got glass screens to protect them from the snow and cold."

Most of Miss O'Reilly's talk was about the "kiddies," as she called them, who were in the shirtwaist strike, and the brave things they did. "During that strike I was in the night court a good deal," she said, "and one night I saw a 'dope fiend,' a woman victim of the opium habit, there. The dazed face she turned on the people haunts me. She was like the public conscience—doped."

DR. ROBINSON HONORED

Friends Give Dinner for Sociologist in St. Denis Hotel.

In recognition of his achievements in medicine, pharmacy and journalism, 130 friends of Dr. William J. Robinson, president of the American Society of Sociology, and editor of "The Critic and Guide" and "The American Journal of Urology," gave a dinner in his honor last night in the Hotel St. Denis.

The speakers included Dr. A. Jacob, who was referred to as the well beloved Nestor of American medicine; Dr. Willy Meyer, George McAneny, Dr. J. P. Warbasse, J. F. Morton, Jr., Dr. H. Edwin Lewis, Anita C. Bloch, who spoke on "The Champion of Womanhood"; Dr. A. Goldwater, Edwin C. Walker, Gregory Weinstein, O. S. Wadleigh, B. Russell Herts, Edward L. Bernays and A. Bancroft Flinn, who said that Dr. Robinson had paved the way in preparing the public for the truth, such as Miss Inez Millholland recently told the investigating committee regarding the social evil.

"This," said he, "would have started the world ten years ago, but it does not do so now, thanks to Dr. Robinson and a few like him."

Others present included Dr. and Mrs. L. Rathner, Dr. and Mrs. A. I. Ringer, Dr. and Mrs. M. Aronson, Mrs. Clara G. Sullivan, Dr. A. Brill, Dr. and Mrs. L. G. Gettinger, Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Cantor, Dr. and Mrs. O. S. Wadleigh, Dr. Charles E. Taylor, Dr. J. Macdonald, Jr., Dr. H. Halloway, Dr. M. J. Schermer, Max Robinson, Mrs. Rose Baron, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Halper, Dr. Joseph Weinstein, Mr. and Mrs. G. Weinstein, S. John Block, J. L. Lascoff, Dr. and Mrs. A. Hymanson, Dr. and Mrs. M. Cisin and Fred H. Robinson.

STAMP 'FENCES' SENTENCED

Judge Denounces Two as Makers of Boy Criminals.

"You have created more criminals than any man that was ever caught," said Judge O'Sullivan, of General Sessions, when he sentenced two postage stamp thieves to hard labor in Sing Sing yesterday. They were Richard Friedrichs, 34, and a fellow named Fred in Wall street.

The detectives said Friedrichs used the stamp as a "fence" for stamps stolen by boys employed in the financial district. Sevel went to Elmira for a maximum term of five years.

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INSURANCE BILLS SIGNED

State Department to Supervise Promotion of New Ventures.

Albany, March 7.—The State Insurance Department will have supervisory control over the promoting of insurance companies, the sale of their securities and the holding of capital stock, according to a bill signed by Governor Sulzer to-day.

Other Insurance Department measures approved by the Governor to-day extend the provisions of the insurance law prohibiting estimates and misrepresentations to health and casualty companies and to cooperative and assessment associations; simplify the procedure in relation to the reorganization of existing insurance corporations; provide for the annual election of at least one-quarter of the directors of guaranty and security guaranty corporations; requiring approval by the State Superintendent of Insurance of forms of policies or certificates of casualty insurance corporations upon the co-operative or assessment plan, and simplify the procedure in the event of the prosecutions of a person acting as an agent for an unauthorized insurance corporation.

A judge of the Court of Appeals may administer the constitutional oath of office to governors of the state in the future. The Levy bill to this effect was signed by the Governor to-day. Both Governor Dix and Governor Sulzer desired to have Chief Judge Cullen administer their inaugural oaths instead of the Secretary of State, but it was found that judges of the Court of Appeals were not vested with this power.

The Governor also signed the Kennedy bill granting to the City of New York certain lands under water in Flushing Bay and Flushing Creek, so the city may co-operate with the federal government in the straightening Flushing Creek for the purpose of advancement of commercial interests.

WON'T SAVE MURLANEY

Sulzer Declines to Interfere for McBreen's Murderer.

Albany, March 7.—Governor Sulzer has decided not to interfere with the death sentence imposed on "Happy Jack" Mulroney, of New York, who is to suffer death at Sing Sing prison during the week beginning March 17. Mulroney and John J. Dowling were charged with having killed Patrick McBreen, known as "Paddy the Priest," in a New York City saloon on October 4, 1911. Dowling has since died.

"SEVEN SISTERS" FACE TEST

Jersey Corporations Ask Utility Commissioners for Permission to Merge.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

Trenton, N. J., March 7.—The Board of Public Utility Commissioners received yesterday the first application under the new corporation laws for approval of the merger of the International News Service and the National News Association. The petition filed with the board stated that the business of each corporation is identical, although they are represented to be non-competitive.

Both are engaged in gathering and distributing news, stories, photographs and material for publication generally. The International News Service furnishes material to morning papers and the National News Association to evening papers. The petitioners assert that the personnel and staff of the two corporations are largely identical, that there is a community of interest in a large measure as far as stockholders are concerned, and that the merger is desirable from economic and business standpoints.

SHOOTS HIMSELF IN HOTEL

Wife Blames Financial Reverses for Clerk's Suicide.

Felix Pressen, thirty years old, a clerk of No. 267 West 143d street, committed suicide last night by shooting himself behind the right ear at the Colonial Hotel, 125th street and Eighth avenue. He went to the hotel Tuesday, and sat in his room, rent advanced up to yesterday.

Two notes were found in the man's room, written partly in French and partly in English, one addressed to "My dear wife, Marie," and the other unaddressed. The Coroner said they were so badly written as to be illegible. Mrs. Pressen went to the Lenox avenue police station and identified the body. She said worry over financial reverses caused his suicide.

SOLD COCAINE TO STUDENTS

Minneapolis, March 7.—Harry Brown, of St. Paul, was arrested here to-day, and detectives are looking for three other men, one said to be a druggist, charged with being leaders of a cocaine "ring."

It is alleged that the men have been supplying messenger boys, clerks in downtown stores and high school students with the drug.

RESTRICTION BILL MEETS FAVOR

Mayor Gaynor Indicated, at the Close of a Hearing Yesterday, that he would sign the bill restricting a certain part of Brooklyn from the construction of any elevated transit lines. The restricted district is bounded by Atlantic, Cludson, Lexington and Bedford avenues. The bill was passed because of the attempt of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company to get franchises to run an elevated road through Franklin avenue, which would be a continuation of the Brighton Beach line to Greenpoint. There was no opposition.

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IGNORANT OF BRIBERY,

DECLARES A. H. LEWIS

Writer Tells Sulzer's Committee He Knew Nothing of Reported Offer in Thaw Case.

WAS ASKED TO VISIT HIM

Explains His Relations with the Prisoner — Investigators Finish Hearing and Work on Their Report.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

Albany, March 7.—Governor Sulzer's investigating committee completed the taking of testimony this afternoon, when Alfred Henry Lewis, a magazine writer, was questioned concerning his relations with Harry K. Thaw.

The committee is now working on its final report, which will be ready some time next week. It has already presented to the Governor its report concerning Colonel Joseph F. Scott, superintendent of prisons, who incurred Mr. Sulzer's displeasure by refusing to appoint Charles F. Rattigan, a Thomas Mott Osborne protégé, warden of Auburn prison to succeed George W. Benham.

Governor Sulzer said he would not give out the report until he had carefully studied its contents. It has been expected ever since the committee began its work that charges would be made against the superintendent of prisons. Friends of Colonel Scott declare he will put up a hard fight should the committee's recommendations cause Mr. Sulzer to act adversely to him. If the report does not recommend charges against Scott the matter will be put squarely up to the Governor, and this, it is understood, he seeks to avoid.

Alfred Henry Lewis told the committee he believed Thaw was sane, and that he knew nothing except what he had read in the newspapers about the story that John N. Anhalt, a New York lawyer, had offered a bribe of \$20,000 to John W. Russell, superintendent of Matteawan Hospital, to release Thaw.